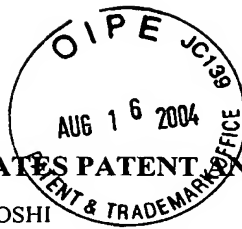


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**Reference AO (JP 8-215204) on Form PTO-1449:**

It is stated about the adjustment of a master and a slave. However, in this method, an operation can't be started promptly, because the master adjusts its position when the slave is still.

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